

NW Regional Extension Council Minutes
United Methodist Church, 104 W. Samuel, Hamilton, MO
Wednesday January 3, 2018, 7:00 pm

Call to order - John Murphy, Chairman

Introduction of Guests

- Sharon Murphy wife of Chairman John Murphy
- Levi Trussell son of Jessica Trussell

Roll Call of Regional Council Members - What did you do for the Holidays?

Council Members Present:

Ernie Nold	Andrew
Dan Hausman	Buchanan
Bud Motsinger	Caldwell
Joni Loxterman	Caldwell
Jerry Cook	Caldwell
Robert Bryant	Carroll
Jayla Smith	Davies
John Murphy	Dekalb
Kristy Letner	Mercer
Shelly Holt	Mercer
Christopher Wallace	Nodaway

CPD's and Extension Staff:

Jim Humphrey	Andrew
Debbie Davis	Clinton/Caldwell
Becky Simpson	Davies
Jessica Trussell	Livingston
Wayne Flannary	Holt
Meredith Berry	Grundy
Jenna Monnig	Mercer
Joe Lear	NW Region Director

Additions or Revisions to Agenda

Correction to program that there will be no program due to Penny Crawford unable to attend.
Motion by Bud Motsinger second by Bob Bryant, motion carried.

Approval of minutes from September 6, 2017 meeting.

(available at [http://extension.missouri.edu/nwregion/council meeting.aspx](http://extension.missouri.edu/nwregion/council%20meeting.aspx))

Motion by Dan Hausman second by Christopher Wallace, motion carried approved as presented.

Presidents report

John Murphy extended a big thank you to Jayla Smith for covering the last meeting while he was recovering.

State Council Report - Christopher Wallace and Dan Hausman

-New nomenclature with change, Campus to Council now in affect. The 1st meeting has been held at Moberly and the 2nd is scheduled for January 22, 2018 in Popular Bluff. These Campus to Council meetings are to be every 2-3 months with the hope of coming to the NW Region in late Summer or Fall. This meeting will require support and 6 months of planning to present a valuable meeting. Dan and Chris extended a need for assistance with planning and instruction.

-The main discussion at the State council has encompassed the changes in structure of extension. The new web site NEXUS went live in December 2017 with expected feedback and changes as it continues. NEXUS is designed to be more graphical and less text with an effort to work toward similar interest programs that come together. The state is trying to make navigation and instruction simplified and realize that the web design is still in a trial and error process. The goal is to increase information from MU out to the constituents so that all aspects of MU are available to all. Everything on campus will be available to Extension and thus access by any and all. The discussion is to bring MU faculty out within the state on "road shows" to create more understanding and value to what is happening on campus.

-Revised training modules for new council members and new packets will be available at the next meeting January 12, 2018.

-Legislative Day is set for February 28, 2018 and will be on a restructured plan. It will be located at the Double Tree Hotel conference center with an invitation only format in an attempt to engage more legislators on a one on one basis. This is a tactical approach with more specific impact. The effort is to educate legislators that Extension and the University are a single entity and not separate aspects and the scale and scope of what this entails. The largest class of incoming new legislators will arrive in 2019 and this approach is a trial to determine if we can increase exposure. Ideas of presentation to legislators were discussed in continuing to express the passion that extension brings while rebuilding the credibility of the University.

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Regional Director Update

-Position up date: Retirements - Jerry Baker, Janet Hackert, Bob Kelly, Bev Maltzberger, Connie Mowrer.

-Staffing: Tyler Hall transferred from Grundy to Warren County, Jill Knadler resigned October 20, 2017. Staffing plans are on hold, but severe deficiencies will open for applicants as need is recognized.

-University systems review of human resources and utilization has recommended that centralization of HR and physical function of specialist support will reduce for Regional Directors. The NW Region and the NE Region will be sharing support and on June 30, 2018 the NW regional office will no longer exist. This is to reduce any conflicts in sharing or partnerships and the office will become mobile, ("roving gnome"). Cameron has made available storage and office space when the RD needs to be static but expect to see the RD in your area at anytime. If you need to contact Joe Lear you may reach on the mobile 785-477-8522. This is the reimagining of the RD role with the new restructured plan and an attempt to create more engagement and partnership.

-Meredith Berry reported on the potential move of the Grundy County office to a site on the NCMC campus. NCMC has invited extension to become a part of the bigger plan for the future of the campus in partnerships and student access to Extension and MU programs. Currently the invitation will place the office in the basement area of the Alexander building but a construction plan is in the works for future space. Grundy County Council is working on an MOU with NCMC. This space is being provided rent free but the Grundy County Council would be responsible for their own infrastructure expenses.

-Now thru March 1, 2018, the RD will be meeting with different County Councils and County Commissioners concerning the restructured staffing plan. Five counties have already had meetings these include; Caldwell, Andrew, Carroll, Grundy, Atchison. This is an attempt to gain feedback and facilitate general discussions in how to meet the needs with 230 field staff positions. The restructure is a central idea with local engagement, but will necessitate partnerships. Engagement inventory is available at the web site and you may enter questions into the portal and find everyone that is involved and contact information. Implementation of centralized staffing has been proposed to be completed by the end of 2018. The county discussions have revealed some "red flags" and these concerns are noted and being communicated.

Announcements

-Meredith Berry

NEXUS on line classes "How to Get an A in Retirement" an 8 week course with new classes every month. The cost of the class is \$50.00 but if you sign up for the February class using the promo MIZZOU all cap there is a 50% discount.

-Vita training is beginning and Meredith is welcoming any volunteers.

-Estate planning January 11 & 25 is available in Caldwell this is a two nite program

-Ag Business. "Your Farm Your Business Your Future" will be available in Grundy January 11,18 & 25 on the NCMC campus. More information can be found on the NW Region Website.

Jessica Trussell

-The "Focus on Kids" instruction class for divorcing couples is available, but is not in the hands of as many attorneys as needed. Jessica is looking for assistance in placing this information in the legal offices as well as individual attorneys as possible. Jessica's area is the East side of the NW Region.

Debbie Davis

-The Barn Quilt Workshop is being formulated with the purpose of planting the seeds of agri-tourism, "Barn Quilt Trail". The Workshop classes begin January 18, 2018 in Caldwell County with the hope of partnering with communities for potential economic development.

Wayne Flannary

-Ag Updates are being planned for all counties in the NW Region. Increased training is necessitated due to the focus on Dicamba use and current rule changes.

Bud Motsinger

-The Great Plain Vegetable Growers Conference. January 11-13, 2018

-Certified Crop Advisor January 16 & 17

Jim Humphrey

-Joe Koenen will present " Missouri Fence Law" February 13 in Buchanan County and March 15 in Andrew County

-3 State Beef Conference January 17, in Albany

Adjournment

Motion by Jerry Cook seconded by Jayla Smith, motion carried.